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## CHURCH MEMBERS.

HERE are two classes of nominal church members. The active and the inactive. The consecrated and the unconsecrated. It is not a very difficult task to distinguish between these two classes of church members. The Master says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The active members are known by their devotion to the Lord and His church. In their self-denials and toils for the Master they are untiring. They never grow weary in well-doing. They are faithful in the discharge of their Christian duties. They are cautious in their manner of living, so as not to bring reproach upon their church, or to be stones of stumbling to those who are out of Christ. They are faithful in their attendance, upon the services of the sanctuary. Their pews are never vacant. Climatic changes in the weather, or in the moral atmosphere, do not effect them. They are always "in the spirit on the Lord's day."

Their presence is a blessing and an inspiration to the church and the pastor at both the morning and evening service, of the Sabbath. Their presence graces the assembly at the mid-week prayer meeting service. Their souls go out in a warmth of love, and spirit in each and all of these services. They hear, with a heart, and they respond with a whole soul. The active members of the church are no less active with the purse, than they are with the heart, or with the lips. They give from the heart. They give liberally, freely. They give with a delight. They are not afraid to trust the Lord. They give even as the Lord has given unto them. Go to the church records, and the fact is there disclosed that their giving is like clock work. Each week they bring their offerings faithfully, conscientiously unto the Lord. With them Christian duty, and service are matters of conscience.

The active members are the working members of the church. They have heard and have received the divine call into their hearts. "Go work to-day in thy vineyard." They do good as

they have opportunity. They do not wait for opportunities to seek them, but they seek the opportunities, that they may do work for Christ and His cause. They are in the sick-chamber. Among the poor. Among the unsaved. They are evangelists in the name of the Master. The song of their hearts is not "Oh, to be Nothing, Nothing," but, "To the Work, to the Work."

The active members we said were the consecrated members. Those dedicated to the Lord and his service. This consecration is from the heart, not from the lips. "With body and soul, both in life and in death they belong unto their faithful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." They are "the prisoner of the Lord." They have made an unconditional surrender of themselves to their Master. They are scrupulously striving to serve but one Lord. These are the Church members who enjoy in their hearts the presence of the Holy Spirit. Consecrated means to be gifted with divine power. The consecrated of the Lord are brought into living contact with the Great Magnet, and are electrified by His love and power, and in turn become magnets themselves, drawing others to Christ. The influence of such a line is felt and recognized by the church and by the people.

The consecrated church members are the happy church members, "rejoicing always," and enjoying fullness of divine enlightenment in their souls. They alone possess that peaceful feeling of heart which is the sequence of work well-done, and time and talent devoted to the service of Him, who, alone is "worthy."

The active church member always thinks and speaks well of his church, and his pastor, and of his fellow Christians. He prays for his church, his pastor and brethren in Christ. What the church needs is the active, consecrated church member. The church with such members is like an "army with banners." Victory will be hers. Fellow Christian, pray God to make you an active, consecrated church member.

In a later issue we shall speak of the inactive church members. In the meantime let such get out of their old ruts, and out of the way, or they may get hurt.

Thanksgiving dinner November 27.

The pastor is preaching a series of Sabbath evening sermons on, "Heaven; or, the Great Future." If you have any inquiries on this subject that you would like answered, write them on slips of paper and hand them to the pastor, or put them in the collection baskets. The pastor will speak on the following topics on the sabbath evenings of November and December:

November 9, "The Heavenly City."

November 16, "The Nightless Clime."

November 22, "The Heavenly Inhabitants."

November 30, "Heavenly Recognition."

December 7, "Heavenly Occupation."

December 14, "Heavenly Felicity and Rewards."

December 21, "Preparation for Heaven."

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND DINNER.

Services on Thanksgiving day at 10:30 a. m. From 12 to 3 p. m. the ladies of the church will furnish their usual Thanksgiving dinner. Arrangements for the dinner are already perfected. The committees will be announced from the pulpit in due time. The dinner will be such as the ladies of Grace Church only know how to furnish. Get your turkeys and chickens ready. We want all our families to get their dinners at the church, and to invite their friends to take Thanksgiving dinner with them.

Tickets for the dinner are ready and some are already sold. Every member of the church should make an effort to sell as many tickets as possible.

A few of the five dollar shares have not yet been paid. Will those who are in arrears, please, pay up at once? The ladies are about ready to make their payment on the parsonage lot. There has been a pretty general move all along the line in this matter. A few of the families have not yet been heard from but when they will fall into line and do their part, as we have no doubt they will, the ladies will be able to pay off the indebtedness on the lot in full. The Young People's Society is taking some shares, and so also the Mission Building. Organized and united effort always tells. In our next issue we hope to be able to state the full amount raised by shares, and the amounts paid by the different societies.

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## EXPERIENCE MEETING.

The October Visitor made a note of a social, and experience meeting, which would be given by the ladies of the church, on Thursday evening, Oct. 16th. Well, the occasion arrived by and by. While the elements were against the ladies, still, as usual, they were masters of the situation. They furnished a first-class supper, in testimony whereof you may just inquire of the men. The experience meeting was a novel part of the evening's programme. Some twenty or more of the ladies had been busy for some months past, in earning some dollars for their society, and at this meeting they related the experiences they had in earning these dollars. One lady reported \$1.75, which she had earned by selling matches. Another, that she had made her dollar by sewing, making shirts and ladies' shopping bags. Another stated that she had saved car-fare to the amount of one dollar, and that she had always been taught that a dollar saved was a dollar made. Another had earned her dollar by taking care of a little girl. Another lady said "She had a dollar and ten cents for the society, which she had made by sewing and selling home-made bread." Another one of the ladies said "She made her dollar by taking care of the sick." Another stated, that she made her dollar by sweeping the church, and was glad she had the dollar to give to the good cause. Another lady made her dollar by selling grapes from her own vines. Three of the ladies did their house cleaning without employing help, and in this way saved their dollars. Another lady reported that she had loaned her horse and carriage, and made a dollar. One lady made her dollar by folding GRACE CHURCH VISITORS and mending a certain gentleman's No. 13 stockings. Another lady, who we are sorry could not be at the meeting, we learn made her dollar by washing her husband's neck, at the rate of ten cents a wash. This is most surprising. There are not many husbands who would consent to go through such severe operations of neck washing and then pay for it yet in the bargain. But they say, "there is no telling what men will not do, under existing circumstances." By the way, would it not be well if some other husbands would have

such missionary work done in their behalf. One of the ladies reported that she had sold eggs and thus secured her dollar. One of the young ladies of the Society earned her dollar by blackening her father's boots. Some other ladies who earned dollars have not yet reported their experiences. Mrs. Phillip Kuechle, from Chicago, who was present at this meeting, "said she had not earned a dollar for the Society but would present a dollar." This testimony meeting was quite interesting, and the ladies took special pains to give the men a good many "pointers." One lady said she hoped now the men would go to work. The ladies intend to try this scheme over again and make an effort to enlist all the ladies of the church. The VISITOR is of the opinion that another such a meeting will bring out a large attendance.

## AT REST.

Friday evening, Oct. 3d, occurred the death of Mrs. Nathan Myers, near the Salem Reformed Church. This mother had been ailing only for about one week. Her death was, therefore, unexpected to the family and community. Mrs. Myers was born in Lehigh County, Pa., Jan. 28th, 1811. Aged 79 years, 8 months and 3 days.

Four years ago, Oct. 5th, this mother was bereft of her companion, with whom she had shared the joys and labors of life for more than half a century. To father and mother Myers were born seven sons and two daughters. One daughter died in early childhood and a son within the present year.

Mrs. Myers was baptized in infancy, and at an early age made a profession of faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. During her entire life she was a devoted disciple of the Master. Within a very recent date she gave us very positive assurance of her trust in the Saviour, as well as her interest in the work and welfare of the church, and her preparation for death. She was in fact eagerly awaiting the time, when might lay aside her pilgrim staff, and take her departure to that land, where the sun never sets and eternal spring abides. This mother was an exemplary Christian woman, pious, unassuming, full of simplicity and faith. A mother truly devoted to her children, admonishing them by word and example, that they might lead upright and devoted Christian lives.

The funeral services were held at the Salem Reformed Church, Sabbath morning, October 5th. The pastor was assisted in these services by his brother, Rev. R. C. Zartman, of Akron, Ohio. The services were attended by a large circle of friends and neighbors, possibly not one-half of the people could

gain admittance to the church. This large assembly gave proof of the esteem in which this mother was held by the people of her community. May the Lord comfort the hearts of the bereaved family, and at last bring them all to the home above, where now, already, the Home Circle is forming.

Mrs. Julia Ann Ogden died at the home of her son, two miles south of the city, October 8, aged 84 years. Mrs. Ogden had been greatly afflicted for a number of years, but was patient and resigned in all her sickness. She was the mother of nine children; two of whom have preceded the mother to Eternity. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor Friday afternoon, October 10, at the home. A large number of friends and neighbors were present at the services, and accompanied the family to Lindenwood Cemetery, where the remains were borne to their last resting place. May the Lord comfort the bereaved and sorrowed hearts.

## SALEM'S REFORMED CHURCH, DUTCH RIDGE.

Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 19, the Salem's church observed children's day with appropriate services. The house was crowded and the children and young people did full credit to themselves. The offering for the day amounted to \$7, and it was given to the Orphan's home. The week following the Superintendent, Edward Gloyd, visited the home and paid the amount to the treasurer, of which a very grateful acknowledgement was extended by the Home in a card to the pastor. On Sabbath, October 26, communion services were held with this church. The attendance was large and the services were full of interest. The collection for benevolence amounted to \$5.51. During these services the following infants were dedicated to the Lord in Holy Baptism: Lester Elroy, son of Eli and Emma Garman, and Ernest Early, son of Silas and Lettie Kistler. The Salem's church is doing a good work, and it should realize a great harvest of souls during the coming winter months. This church opens a grand field for evangelistic work. There are scores of souls to be gathered into the kingdom in that community. Will not the Lord send a gracious revival of grace upon upon that church? Let the members of this church pray earnestly for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Harry Pierce has accepted a prominent position in the Dental College of Nashville, Tenn. We are sorry to lose him from the city, as he is a promising young man.

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### BRIEF NOTES.

Young People's prayer meeting Sabbath evening at 6:30.

Thanksgiving dinner. Adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

Elder D. W. Souder will go into the clerk's office about November 15.

It will cost you less to get your Thanksgiving dinner at the church than at home, besides you will get a better dinner.

Bro. John Beighler was elected to the Legislature by a handsome majority. He will make his weekly trips to Indianapolis in the near future.

Mr. Chausse have the thanks of the pastor's family for a box of grapes and honey, and Mr. Everts for a sack of corn and some very choice butter.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Philip Keuchle with us on communion day. We hope they may soon make Fort Wayne again their home.

D. W. Souder is organizing an adult class in the Sunday-school. Now we shall hope to see the parents turn out, and be in the school with the children.

Clara Byers, one of our Sunday School scholars is very low with typhoid fever. We hope she may soon recover. The Mission Band sent her a basket of choice fruits recently, which delighted her very much.

Mrs. John Vordermark has invited the ladies of the church to her home on Thursday, Nov. 13, for the whole day, to do sewing. Dinner will be furnished for 10 cents, the receipts are to be for the church. Let all the ladies be on hand.

Don't miss the union service of the Sunday school and congregation Sab-

bath morning, Nov 23, at 10:30. This will be a "Red Letter Day" for Grace church and Sabbath school. Bring your friends along with you to this service.

The pastor and Superintendent Paulus have arranged for a union service of the Sabbath school and church on Sabbath morning, Nov. 23rd. The regular Sabbath school will be dispensed with for that morning, and the children will meet with the congregation in a grand union service at 10:30 a. m. This will be an inspiring service. Our aim is to bring the children and parents within heart and soul touch of each other, in a service in the Lord's House. Such a service, we are confident, will be stimulating to old and young. It may make some of our older boys and girls young again, which would be a blessed thing. This service will be novel throughout, and we are certain it will also be inspiring. Bring your friends with you to this service.

### MARRIAGES.

"God, the best maker of all marriages, combine your hearts in one."

Tuesday evening, Oct. 14th, at the home of Mrs. Mary French, on Clinton street, her daughter Mary A. was married to Edgar S. Young. The only persons present to witness the marriage were the members of the family. In the early evening Mr. and Mrs. Young went to their home at 222 West Wayne street, which had been previously furnished throughout, awaiting the arrival of the happy groom and bride. Mr. and Mrs. Young have the best wishes of the VISITOR and the members of Grace Church.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 23rd, at the parsonage, Edward Chausse and Jennie Douglas were united in marriage. Bro. Edward Chausse is well known to the members of Grace Church, and we trust that in the near future his genial bride may also find a warm place in the affections of our people. They will be at home in the near future eight miles east of the city on the Maysville Pike.

Thursday, Oct. 30, it was the privilege of the pastor to be present and assist at marriage of Crumley Mawharter and Alta Keifer. The groom is the son of Rev. Wm. Mawharter, pastor of the Neiriah Mission. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keifer, Morocco Mich. There were a large number of friends present to witness the ceremony and the occasion was a very delightful one indeed. As tokens of esteem, the groom and bride were presented with a large supply of very valuable gifts by their many friends. Our visit to Morocco was a very pleasant one.

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Nov. 9. "The Gospel Invitation." Rev. 22:10-17. Lillie Walters.

Nov. 16. "Promise Meeting. Promise to the Faithful." Matt. 25: 14-23. Emma Neireiter.

Nov. 23. "God's Willingness and Desire to Give us the Best Things." Luke 11: 1-13. Harry Vordermark.

Nov. 30. "Consecration Meeting. The Christians Thanksgiving." Ps. 147. Oscar Miller.

Dec. 7. "Givers of What? To Whom? Results?" Matt. 10:18; 14:16; Luke 11:41. Katie Vordermark.

Dec. 14. "The Saviour and the Out-east." Mark 1:40-45. Lillie Vordermark.

Dec. 21. "Some Reasons Why Christ Came to the Earth." John 11:46-47; 3:16; 10:10. Mollie Buckwalter.

Dec. 28. "Consecration Meeting. Extending the Angel's Christmas Song." Luke 2:8-28. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

The Communion Service held Sabbath morning, October 19, was a very precious season of grace to the people of Grace Church. The number of communicants upon this occasion was the largest in the history of the congregation. Four persons were also received in full membership with the church. Such a service gives an inspiration to a congregation and pastor. Grace Church has just reasons to feel encouraged in its work. The church is well organized but there is need for a yet fuller consecration of our people unto the Lord, that the Lord may bless us yet more abundantly, in growth, in grace, and in the ingathering of souls.

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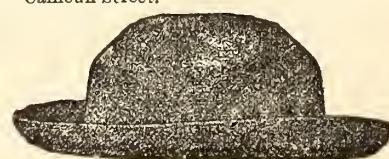
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